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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND EAST GERMANY

REF: TEL AVIV 700

1. ASSIST DIRECTOR GENERAL MEROZ OF FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOI INFORMED BRANDT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE ISRAEL WOULD CONTINUE TO OPPOSE GDR ADMISSION TO UN TO BITTER END. THIS POSITION WAS LINKED WITH HISTORY OF EAST GERMAN ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL AND JEWISH CLAIMS.

2. MEROZ SAID THAT AS RESULT OF ISRAELI APPROACH TO SEVERAL WESTERN GOVERNMENTS FOR HELP ON CLAIMS AGAINST GDR, ISRAEL UNDERSTOOD THESE GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE PURSUING ONLY PROPERTY CLAIMS, NOT REPARATIONS, INDIVIDUAL INDEMNIFICATION, OR RESTITUTION, AND WOULD DO SO AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH EAST BERLIN. WESTERN GOVERNMENTS HAD NOT REFUSED GOI REQUEST BUT ASKED THAT ISRAELI APPROACH BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER THEY HAD PRESSED THEIR OWN NATIONALS' CLAIMS. MEANWHILE,
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VARIOUS JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN WESTERN COUNTRIES WERE

TRYING TO PROTECT CLAIMS INTERESTS VIS-A-VIS GDR OF NOT ONLY
NATIONALS BUT ALSO RESIDENTS OF RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

3. MEROZ PERSONALLY WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR ANY
CHANGE IN GDR ATTITUDES TOWARD ISRAEL OR JEWISH CLAIMS.
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